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CLOSURE OF NATHPA JHAKRI POWER PLANT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether supply of power has been affected in many States due to closure of Nathpa Jhakri Power Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of power generated by this project before its closure; and

(d) the time by which the plant is likely to be made operational?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Nathpa Jhakri Power Plant was completely shutdown w.e.f. 25.06.2005 to 13.07.2005, initially due to Pareechu flood warning and subsequently due to high silt contents in the river Sutlej, caused on account of incessant rainfall, flood and also the aftereffects of flood. Due to closure of the Plant the beneficiaries of Northern Region States could not get their allocated share of power.

(c) : During the year 2005-06, power generated from Nathpa Jhakri before the closure of the project, i.e. w.e.f. 1.04.2005 to 24.06.2005, was 2,093 MU.

(d) : Two units of the project were put back into operation on 14.07.2005 and third unit was operated on 18.07.2005. As on 26.07.2005, four units (total six units) were in operation. The entire plant shall be put into operation after the silt content comes down to permissible limits.